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AMENDMENT

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed January 26, 2001.
Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks below.

CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDMENTS

(A version of these amendments with markings to show the changes is attached to this paper as a separate appendix)

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 5, lines 1-7, please replace the first paragraph with the following corrected paragraph:

a' Further, mammals fed a carnitine-supplemented diet exhibit a greater percentage of lean body mass (LBM) than mammals fed the same diet, but with no carnitine supplementation. Also, mammals fed a carnitine-supplemented diet voluntarily restrict their food intake. Reference is also made to commonly-assigned U.S. Patent No. 6,204,291, entitled PROCESS AND PRODUCT FOR PROMOTING WEIGHT LOSS IN OVERWEIGHT DOGS, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.